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Ms. Courtney Avery
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525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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**Re: Carle-Staley Road Medical Office Development (Proj. No. 17-011) –
Request for Expedited Review**

Dear Ms. Avery:

As you know, this office represents The Carle Foundation (“Carle”). On behalf of Carle, we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“State Board”) grant expedited review of the above-referenced Carle application for certificate of need permit (the “CON Application”) and consider the CON Application at the June 20, 2017 State Board meeting. This project proposes to construct medical office facilities in Champaign, Illinois.

With June consideration of the pending CON Application, Carle plans to have the buildings enclosed by winter. Harsh winter weather presents construction challenges. In the construction field, cold weather and snow have a detrimental effect on both materials and workers. For example, once the temperature drops below 40 degrees, masonry material – which includes cement – does not set up as well as when it is warmer. As for the workforce, once the temperature drops below 40, work suffers from having people working in weather exposed conditions and the jobsite becomes less efficient.

Also note that construction of a related ambulatory surgical treatment center, Champaign Surgicenter (Project 16-045), was approved by the State Board in January. June consideration of the CON Application will also ensure the construction process can be as seamless as possible in connection with developing multiple buildings on the same campus which will be partially integrated with each other through the construction of walkways. Both projects will benefit in terms of cost and scheduling if the CON Application is considered at the June 20, 2017 State Board meeting. To keep both projects on schedule, Carle respectfully requests consideration of its CON Application at the June 20, 2017 State Board meeting.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of our request for expedited review of the Carle Staley Road Medical Office Development CON Application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kara Friedman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Kara' being more prominent.

Kara M. Friedman

Cc: Mike Constantino
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